(b) what merit has been acclaimed for each new breed;

(c) whether the claims of researches have been confirmed; and

(d) where these new breeds have been kept and to what extent it would increase the production in the regions where these are in use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (*SHRI K. C. LENKA*): Sir, one breed of cattle—Karan Fries and three poultry breeds—ILM-90 and ILR-90 and IBI-91 have been evolved by ICAR during the last three years.

(b) The Karan Fries breed has been developed with a view to produce animals which will have much better economic value than the best indigenous breeds. It is aimed to produce animals which will given an average of 3000 litres milk per lactation, have reduced age at first calving and reduced calving interval.

Merit claimed for each of the three poultry breeds is as follows:—

ILM-90 — Hen-housed egg production of more than 260 eggs upto 500 days of age with egg weight of more than 52 grams at 40 weeks of age.

ILR-90 — Hen-housed egg production of above 245 eggs upto 500 days of age with more than 52 grams egg weight at 40 weeks of age.

IBI-91 — Six weeks body weight of more than 1300 grams and seven weeks of body weight of more than 1500 grams with feed efficiency of age. 2.2 at six weeks and 2.4 at seven weeks of age.

(c) Yes.

(d) The Karan Fries is being maintained at National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal and Southern Regional Station of NDRI at Bangalore. The cross-breeding involving Karan Fries has resulted in the increase of milk yield of indigenous cows. The average milk yield of indigenous cows was 1064 kg. while it was 2286.9 kg. for crossbred cows in the villages.

The new three breeds of poultry, namely, ILM-90, ILR-90, IBI-91 have been kept at Trichur, Hyderabad, and Izatnagar. The production will increase upto 260 eggs in layers for each ILM-90 at Kerala Agriculturai University, Trichur upto 245 eggs in layers for each ILR-90 at Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University; Hyderabad and for each IBI-91, broiler, the body weight will be achieved upto 1300 grams per bird at six weeks of age at Central Avian Research Institute. Izatnagar, U.P., by continuous use of the improved germ plasm of the above breeds.

**Circular Train in Calcutta**

217. SHRI M. D. SALIM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a Circular Rail in operation in Calcutta which is not exactly circular and completed; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Completion of Circular Railway involves connecting Princep Ghat to Majerhat, through Calcutta Port Trust (CPT) land and will depend upon the CPT authorities making available the required land to Railways.

**Robbing of passengers in North-East Frontier Railways**

218. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a gang is operating in North-East